



2008-2009 DEER AND ELK “BAITING” AND “FEEDING” REGULATIONS

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- as per Wildlife Conservation Order, Sections 3.100 and 3.100a, the Michigan DNR CWD Plan, and other current regulations -

➤ “Baiting” and “Feeding” for cervids are regulated separately. ...so what’s the difference?

- **“Baiting”** is defined as putting out food materials for deer to attract, lure, or entice them as an aid in hunting.
A person baiting deer must comply with the current baiting regulations. Baiting for elk is illegal.
- **“Feeding”** is defined as placing food materials out that attract deer or elk for any other reason except hunting.
 - **Recreational Feeding** is feeding for wildlife viewing purposes only.
A person feeding deer must comply with the regulations for recreational viewing.
 - **Supplemental Feeding** of deer and/or elk is prohibited in Michigan except for specific portions of 8 counties in the Upper Peninsula. Supplemental feeding of deer is by permit only, if specific conditions are met, and is only allowed in a specific portion of State. The supplemental deer feeding area is all portions of Ontonagon, Houghton, Keweenaw, Baraga, Alger, and Luce counties, and those portions of Marquette and Chippewa counties north of the T43N-T44N boundary line. Contact a DNR office if you have questions.
 - **Food plots** are naturally occurring foods, standing agricultural crops, or foods that are placed as a result of using normal farming practices, and are not considered baiting or feeding.
- **“Cervids”** are ruminant mammals, in the scientific classification of family cervidae, or deer, elk, and moose.

➤ Other summarized regulations for “baiting” and “feeding” of cervids, in addition to above:

In the Lower Peninsula: All baiting and feeding of deer and elk is prohibited.

This ban was initiated in August 2008 in response to positive Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) test results from a single deer from a privately-owned facility in Kent County, in the Lower Peninsula. The DNR CWD Plan requires a ban on all feeding and baiting of all cervids within the peninsula where CWD is detected. In addition, bear baiting regulations prohibit the use of any materials that attract deer or elk where it is unlawful to bait or feed deer or elk. Therefore, bear baiting is limited to meats, meat products, fish, fish products, or bakery products at any time in any location in the Lower Peninsula.

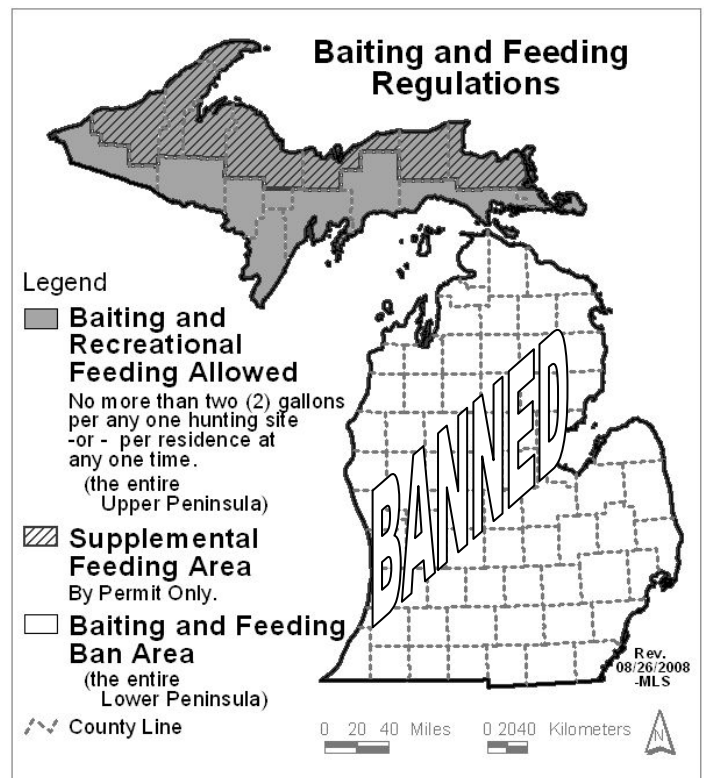
In the Upper Peninsula:

Baiting:

- The volume of bait scattered on the ground cannot exceed two (2) gallons at any one hunting site at any time. This includes new and old bait combined.
- Baiting can occur only from October 1 to January 1.
- The bait material may be of any food type.
- The bait must be dispersed over a minimum of a 10-foot by 10-foot area. The bait can be scattered directly on the ground by any means, including mechanical spin-cast feeders, provided that the spin-cast feeder does not distribute on the ground more than the maximum volume allowed.

Recreational Feeding for Viewing:

- The volume of feed on the ground cannot exceed two (2) gallons per residence at any time. This includes new and old feed combined.
- Feed must be placed within 100 yards of a residence, on land owned or possessed by that person.
- The feed must be scattered or dispersed directly on the ground at least 100 yards from any area accessible to livestock such as: cattle, goats, sheep, new world camelids, bison, swine, horses, or captive cervidae.
- Any type of food materials can be used.



Note: In the event CWD is detected or documented within the Upper Peninsula or within 50 miles of the Upper Peninsula's border with another state or Canadian province, the Natural Resources Commission has ordered the DNR Director to ban the use of bait and to ban the feeding of deer and elk within the Upper Peninsula.

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